

RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
OFFICE OF WATER RESOURCES
PERMITS SECTION
235 PROMENADE STREET
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02908-5767

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED PERMIT ACTIONS UNDER THE RHODE ISLAND POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (RIPDES) PROGRAM WHICH REGULATES DISCHARGES INTO THE WATERS OF THE STATE UNDER CHAPTER 46-12 OF THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS OF 1956, AS AMENDED.

DATE OF NOTICE: November 2, 2012

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: PN-12-10

DRAFT RIPDES PERMIT MODIFICATION

RIPDES PERMIT NUMBER: RI0000035

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

Arkwright Advanced Coating, Inc.
538 Main Street
Fiskeville, RI 02823

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

Arkwright Advanced Coating, Inc.
538 Main Street
Fiskeville, RI 02823

RECEIVING WATER: Pawtuxet River – North Branch
And
Unnamed Wetland Tributary to the North Branch of the Pawtuxet River

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION: B

This Public Notice serves as official notification that DEM proposes to modify the existing Rhode Island Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (RIPDES) Permit No. RI0000035. In accordance with Consent Agreement No. RIA-412 entered into between the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM) and Arkwright Advanced Coating, Inc. on July 27, 2011 the DEM is proposing to modify the existing permit to allow Arkwright to relocate its cooling tower discharges from an unnamed wetland and redirect them to discharge directly to the North Branch of the Pawtuxet River. The draft permit has been developed by the DEM and contains effluent limitations and conditions to ensure that the proposed discharge will not violate water quality standards.

FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE DRAFT RIPDES PERMIT:

A statement of basis (describing the type of facility and significant factual, legal and policy questions considered in these permit actions) may be obtained at no cost by writing or calling DEM as noted below:

Brian D. Lafaille, PE
Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management
Office of Water Resources
RIPDES Permitting Program
235 Promenade Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02908-5767
(401) 222-4700, ext. 7731
brian.lafaille@dem.ri.gov

The administrative record containing all documents relating to these permit actions is on file and may be inspected, by appointment, at the DEM's Providence office mentioned above between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING:

Pursuant to Chapter 42-17.4 of the Rhode Island General Laws a public hearing has been scheduled to consider these permits if requested. Requests for a Public Hearing must be submitted in writing to the attention of Brian D. Lafaille, PE at the address indicated above. Notice should be taken that if DEM receives a request from twenty-five (25) people, a governmental agency or subdivision, or an association having no less than twenty-five (25) members on or before 4:00 PM on December 6, 2012, a public hearing will be held at the following time and place:

Tuesday, December 11 at 5:00 PM
Room 280
235 Promenade Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

Interested persons should contact DEM to confirm if a hearing will be held at the time and location noted above.

235 Promenade Street is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requesting communication assistance (assistive listening devices/readers/interpreters/captions) must notify the DEM at the telephone number listed above or at 831-5508 (T.D.D.) 72 hours in advance of the hearing date.

Interested parties may submit comments on the permit actions and the administrative record to the address above no later than 4:00PM on December 12, 2012.

If, during the public comment period, significant new questions are raised concerning the permit modification, DEM may require a new draft permit modification or statement of basis or may reopen the public comment period. A public notice will be issued for any of these actions.

Any person, including the permittee/applicant, who believes these permit actions are inappropriate, must raise all reasonably ascertainable issues and submit all reasonably available arguments and factual grounds supporting their position, including all supporting material, by the close of the public comment period under Rule 41. The public comment period is from November 2, 2012 to December 12, 2012. Commenters may request a longer comment period if necessary to provide a reasonable opportunity to comply with these requirements. Comments should be directed to DEM as noted above.

FINAL DECISION AND APPEALS:

Following the close of the comment period, and after a public hearing, if such hearing is held, the Director will issue a final decision and forward a copy of the final decision to the permittee and each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice. Within 30 days following the notice of the final decision, any interested person may submit a request for a formal hearing in accordance with the requirements of Rule 49.

Date

Joseph B. Haberek, PE
Principal Sanitary Engineer
Permits Section, Office of Water Resources
Department of Environmental Management